**Title:** Not to charge Users Development Fee from passengers Boarding international flights from Calicut Airport.

SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (CALICUT): Sir, I would like to raise a matter regarding withdrawal of Users Development Fee from Air Passengers at the Calicut Airport. According to the Order No.AV 200 36/8/91 VB dated 22.9.1994, issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, it has been decided to collect Users Fee from passengers boarding on international flights from Calicut at the rate of Rs.500 per passenger. Collection of Users Fee has been started from 1.10.1995 and this levy is continuing for almost six years now. The Calicut Airport Authority has already collected an amount of Rs.500 each from the poor Gulf Malayalees for a total of Rs.32 crore as Users Fee. Such an illegal and unreasonable collection of Users Fee is not seen at any other airport in India except Calicut. At present, the Gulf Malayalees are facing acute financial problems, problems of job security, etc. Hence, collection of Users Fee from them is not fair and justifiable. The development of runway is indefinitely prolonging and the passengers are forced to pay this Rs.500 while extension work is delayed. I, therefore, request the Government to withdraw the collection of Users Development Additional Fee and expedite the work of runway extension.